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| <i>Interview Summary</i> | Application No.                      |  |
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: Independent claim 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kobayashi et al. and Tabei references.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The parties discussed the cited references and the proposed amendment. It appears that the proposed amendment overcomes the cited prior art. However, an updated search is required upon receiving formal amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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